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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR CONTROLS IN BERLIN DURING WORLD YOUTH
FESTIVAL

REF: A) HELSINKI 1830; B) BERLIN 1131

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT BONN GROUP, AS PRIORITY
MATTER, SHOULD CONSIDER HOW TO REACT TO RECENT GDR WARNINGS
ABOUT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN BERLIN DURING WORLD YOUTH
FESTIVAL. UK AND FRENCH MAY BE ABLE SHED FURTHER LIGHT
DURING CONSULTATIONS ON EXACTLY WHAT GDR HAS IN MIND, BUT
FROM TEXT OF REFTELS, WE CONCLUDE THAT GDR MAY SEEK TO
RESTRICT BOTH ALLIED TRAVEL INTO EAST BERLIN AND
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GERMAN VISITS AUTHORIZED UNDER QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INNER- GERMAN ARRANGEMENTS.

2. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE TO MAINTAIN
DISTINCTION BETWEEN THESE TWO CATEGORIES OF TRAVELERS.
WITH RESPECT TO ALLIED ENTRY INTO EAST BERLIN, CONSIDERA-
TION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO TRIPARTITE APPROACH TO SOVIETS IN
BERLIN TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THREE POWERS INTEND TO MAINTAIN
NORMAL OPERATIONS DURING FESTIVAL PERIOD AND EXPECT
SOVIETS TO ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES CAN ENTER, EXIT AND TRAVEL
FREELY THROUGH EAST BERLIN.

3. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON GERMAN
TRAVEL, IT IS UP TO FRG AND SENAT IN FIRST INSTANCE
TO DECIDE HOW ISSUE SHOULD BE HANDLED. IF BOTH ARE RE-
LAXED (AS REPORTED PARA 3, REFTel A) AND PREPARED TO
TOLERATE BRIEF INTERRUPTION IN VISITOR TRAVEL TO EAST
BERLIN, THERE IS LITTLE THREE POWERS CAN OR NEED DO.
WE DO NOT FAVOR USBER SUGGESTION, FOR EXAMPLE, OF HAVING
SENAT OR ALLIES WARN OFF POTENTIAL VISITORS (PARA 12
REFTel B), SINCE THIS COULD BE CONSTRUED AS ASSISTING
OR EXCUSING GDR ACTION. IF FRG AND SENAT ARE PREPARED
TO REGISTER THEIR OBJECTIONS TO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS,
EITHER THROUGH PUBLIC STATEMENTS OR BY INVOKING
CONSULTATION PROVISIONS OF THE INNER- GERMAN AGREEMENTS,
WE SHOULD BE READY TO COOPERATE BY (A) RAISING THE
ISSUE OURSELVES IN A LOW- KEY FASHION WITH THE SOVIETS (B)
JOINING IN PROTEST STATEMENTS, HIGHLIGHTING THE GDR'S
VIOLATION OF THE RELEVANT FOUR POWER AND INNER- GERMAN
AGREEMENTS. RUSH

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